

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2003. The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 therein. Independent claim 1, and dependent claims 5, 6 and 10-13 are amended herein. All original claims 1-20 are now pending in this application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5, 6 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Examiner objected to usage of the terms "encourage" and "discourage" as stated in the Office Action. [p.2.] Applicants herein amend these dependent claims as described above to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 and 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on US 6,314,565 issued to Kenner et al (hereafter Kenner 565).

The claimed embodiment of the invention described in independent claim 1 provides a method of extracting relevant data by accessing a first set of data of a first document that includes markup language, wherein the first set of data includes selected data at least partly specifying document data. In addition, a second set of data of a second document is accessed that also includes markup language. An edit sequence is determined for identifying and matching a similarity between at least part of the first set of data and at least part of the second set of data. This edit sequence can include insertions, deletions, and/or substitutions. In accordance with the invention, corresponding data of the second set of data is thus identified to provide relevant data that may be extracted, wherein the corresponding data has a correspondence to the selected data that is at least partly found by determining the edit sequence.

Meanwhile, the cited Kenner 565 reference is wholly inapplicable to the present invention. Kenner 565 is directed to methods for updating software components on a user terminal connected to a network that provides for "automatic identification, retrieval, and installation of a selection of software components based on information contained in a script file and furnished by a user." [Abstract.] "The script file maintains information on current version numbers for the software components, and the method checks that information against stored configuration information to determine whether any components need to be updated." [Id.] The particular algorithms described in the present claims as amended herein are directed to an entirely different operation than those described in Kenner 565, and are intended to achieve entirely different goals.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested. Because dependent claims 2-3 and 14-17 are claims which depend upon independent claim 1 which is believed to be allowable over the cited references of record, allowance of these claims by the Examiner is also requested.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Kenner 565 in view of US 6,377,945 issued to Risvik (hereafter Risvik 945). The following dependent claims are also rejected in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as follows: claim 5 based on the combination of Kenner 565 and Risvik 945; claims 6-13 based on the combination of Kenner 565 and Risvik 945, and further in view of US 6,556,984 issued to Zien; claim 18 based on Kenner 565 in view of US 2001/0018693 (Jain); claim 19 based on Kenner 565 in view of US 2001/0043234 (Kotamarti); and claim 20 based on Kenner 565 in view of US 2001/0054009 (Miller). [pp.4-14.]

Because all of these claims 4-13 and 18-20 depend ultimately upon independent claim 1, which is believed to be allowable over the cited references of record for the reasons provided above, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 25961-704).

Respectfully submitted,

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